

Our Mission

The Missouri Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board (SBRFB) ensures that Missouri state agency rules and regulations do not create an unfair burden for small businesses.

SBRFB, working with small business owners throughout Missouri, ensures that the voice of small business is considered when state rules and regulations are created.

SBRFB works with state departments and agencies to identify rules and regulations that place an unfair burden on small business owners and find alternatives.



For more information on how the Missouri Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board can assist you, please contact our office today!

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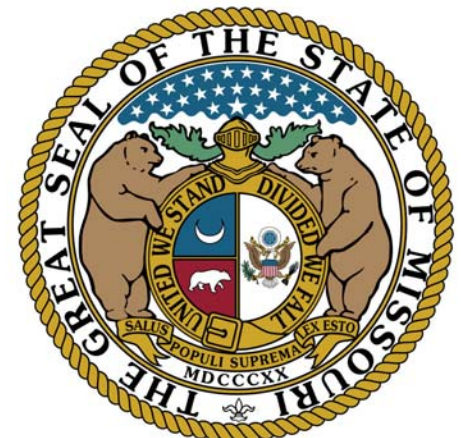


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Regulatory Fairness for Missouri's Small Businesses



A Voice for Missouri's Small Businesses



The Missouri Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board (SBRFB) ensures that Missouri small businesses, defined as businesses with 100 or fewer full-time or part-time employees, have a voice in the development of state rules and regulations.

Missouri's state departments and agencies are now required to solicit input from small business owners prior to implementing new rules and regulations. Agencies must determine if the proposed rule affects small business and, if so, the availability and practicability of less restrictive alternatives that can be implemented to achieve the same results.

Any state agency authorized to assess administrative penalties or administrative fines on small businesses may consider waiving or reducing penalties or fines for a violation of any statute, ordinance or rule by a small business under certain conditions.

Federal Regulations

SBRFB's focus is limited to state rules and regulations. To comment on a federal regulatory issue, contact the National Ombudsman at 1-888-734-3247 or ombudsman@sba.gov.

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SBRFB provides state agencies with input regarding rules that adversely affect small businesses and solicits comments from small businesses.

The board also holds public hearings around the state with state agencies and small business owners. These events provide a public venue for state agencies to discuss their approach to regulatory fairness for small businesses and for members of the public to provide oral or written comments on state agency performance.

The board publishes an annual report that evaluates state agency performance and makes recommendations regarding regulatory fairness for Missouri's small businesses. The report will include comments from small business owners, state agency responses, and a summary of any public testimony brought before the board for consideration.

Submitting Comments

Small business owners may file written petitions with state agencies regarding adopted rules and regulations objecting to all or part of any rule affecting small businesses. The grounds for filing such petition vary depending on when the rule was adopted. For more information, please contact our office or visit our website: www.SBRFB.ded.mo.gov



The site also contains information on how small business owners can submit comments on proposed

and existing state rules or regulations directly to the Board.

SBRFB's website will soon allow small businesses to register to receive notification of proposed rules and regulations on specific topics.

Judicial Review

The implementing legislation also provides that a small business that is adversely affected or aggrieved by final agency action on any rule or regulation is entitled to judicial review of the agency's compliance with Sections 536.300 to 536.328 RSMo. The affected small business may seek such judicial review during the period beginning on the date the proposed rule becomes final and ending one year later.

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